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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

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RE: Charter Communications, Incorporated's Allowable Ex Parte Communication

Briefing

Docket No. ND-2022-6-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Pursuant to the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-260 and as South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff Executive Director Nanette S. Edwards' designee, I am attaching copies of the certification statements and the sign-in sheets from the March 28, 2022 Allowable Ex Parte Communication Briefing held by Charter Communications, Inc. (the "Company"). The topics noticed for the briefing were (1) the Company's business profile and impact both nationally and in South Carolina; (2) Challenges, opportunities and solutions to reducing the "digital divide" and timely deploying broadband services where they are needed most; and (3) the Company's commitment, progress and ideas toward the timely deployment of broadband services in South Carolina.

Please find enclosed a copy of the transcript of the briefing and accompanying presentation materials. Any written materials utilized or referenced at the briefing by any of the attendees or Commissioners of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") are provided by those who utilized or referenced them and are included as follows:

## Documents Attached:

1. Presentation Slides

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## Links to items referenced:

- 1. <a href="https://policy.charter.com/">https://policy.charter.com/</a>
- 2. <a href="https://policy.charter.com/charter-2022-state-fact-sheet-south-carolina">https://policy.charter.com/charter-2022-state-fact-sheet-south-carolina</a>
- 3. https://www.usnews.com/360-reviews/services/internet-providers/spectrum
- 4. <a href="https://www.usnews.com/360-reviews/services/internet-providers/hughesnet">https://www.usnews.com/360-reviews/services/internet-providers/hughesnet</a>
- 5. <a href="https://www.usnews.com/360-reviews/services/internet-providers/frontier">https://www.usnews.com/360-reviews/services/internet-providers/frontier</a>
- 6. https://www.usnews.com/360-reviews/services/internet-providers/centurylink
- 7. <a href="https://www.usnews.com/360-reviews/services/internet-providers/viasat">https://www.usnews.com/360-reviews/services/internet-providers/viasat</a>
- 8. Federal Communications Commission Fourteenth Broadband Deployment Report: <a href="https://www.fcc.gov/reports-research/reports/broadband-progress-reports/fourteenth-broadband-deployment-report">https://www.fcc.gov/reports-research/reports/broadband-progress-reports/fourteenth-broadband-deployment-report</a>
- 9. <a href="https://connectthefuture.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Advancing-Pole-Attachment-Policies-To-Accelerate-National-Broadband-Buildout-National-Report.pdf">https://connectthefuture.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Advancing-Pole-Attachment-Policies-To-Accelerate-National-Broadband-Buildout-National-Report.pdf</a>
- 10. News Article:

https://thetandd.com/news/local/article\_586b3eda-a7dc-518a-b442-e6ed2cf2d359.html

- 11. United States Department of Treasury Website:
  - $\underline{https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds}$
- 12. Broadband Accessibility Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-3000, *et seq.*: <a href="https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t58c009.php">https://www.scstatehouse.gov/code/t58c009.php</a>
- 13. Title 47, Code of Federal Regulations:
  <a href="https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-47/chapter-I/subchapter-A/part-1/subpart-J/section-1.1411">https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-47/chapter-I/subchapter-A/part-1/subpart-J/section-1.1411</a>
- 14. South Carolina Executive Budget Summary FY 2020-2021: <a href="https://governor.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/Executive-Budget/Exec%20Budget%20Statement%2020-21%20FINAL.pdf">https://governor.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/Executive-Budget/Exec%20Budget%20Statement%2020-21%20FINAL.pdf</a>

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- 15. <a href="https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-speeds-access-utility-poles-promote-broadband-5g-deployment-0">https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-speeds-access-utility-poles-promote-broadband-5g-deployment-0</a>
- 16. SC Now News Article (9/23/2021), Matthew Christian:

https://scnow.com/news/local/florence-county-and-charter-communications-partnering-to-bring-broadband-to-whole-county/article\_0fb433d8-1c8f-11ec-b84c-

77b26668133d.html#:~:text=The%20Florence%20County%20Council%20recently,by%20the%20beginning%20of%202024.

With the documents and website links provided by those who utilized or referenced them during the Allowable Ex Parte briefing, this briefing is hereby certified as being in compliance with S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-260(C)(6)(a)(i). If website links and documents were not provided by those who utilized, referenced, or distributed them as required by S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-260(C)(6)(a)(ii), this certification is null and void.

It is my understanding that the transcript of the briefing will be posted on your website, and this transcript is incorporated by reference in all certified statements. The transcript is intended to satisfy the summary requirement of  $\S 58-3-260(C)(6)(a)(ii)$ .

As required by law, please post all documents relating to these briefings on your website. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

s/ Christopher M. Huber

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